

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A computer-assisted method of facilitating a transfer of purchases to consumers, the method comprising:

(A) identifying a-on a computer system, for each of a plurality of consumers, associating a plurality of items ordered by a-the consumer from a plurality of merchants;

(B) for each consumer, receiving, subsequent to (A), at least one of the associated items at an-aggregation-a single geographic location; and

(C) for each consumer, based at least on the association of the items on the computer system, physically aggregating the plurality-of-items at the aggregation location-; and

for each consumer, transferring the aggregated items to the consumer.

2. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein each of the purchased items is a product or comprises one or more products wherein the items are aggregated into at least one aggregated order.

3. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising

on the computer system, for each consumer, receiving notification of the-a pending delivery of at least one of the items to the location.

4. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising

using the computer system, for each consumer, notifying the consumer that some or all of the plurality of items have been received at the location.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein transferring the aggregated items to the consumer comprises sending the items to the consumer from the locationthe plurality of items are received at the aggregation location.

7. (currently amended) A computer-assisted method of facilitating the transfer of products to consumers, the method comprising:

on a computer system, identifying a plurality of a-consumers and for each consumer-;

for each of a plurality of merchants, identifying an item purchased by the consumer from the merchant;

identifying an-aggregation-a geographic location; and

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for each of the merchants, providing to the merchant an identification of instructions to send the item to the ~~aggregation geographic~~ location.

8. (currently amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein each of the purchased items is a product or comprises one or more products, further comprising

~~for each of the merchants, instructing the merchant to send the item purchased by the consumer to the aggregation location.~~

9. (currently amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein the ~~aggregation~~ location is an order aggregation site.

10. (currently amended) The method of Claim 7, further comprising providing an identification of the items to the order aggregation site.

11. (currently amended) The method of Claim 7, further comprising instructing the order aggregation site to aggregate the items.

12. (original) The method of Claim 11, further comprising instructing the order aggregation site to transfer the aggregated items to the consumer.

13. (original) The method of Claim 11, further comprising instructing the order aggregation site to deliver the aggregated items to the consumer.

14. (original) The method of Claim 11, further comprising instructing a delivery service to pick up the aggregated items at the order aggregation site and to deliver the aggregated items to the consumer.

15. (currently amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein identifying the ~~aggregation~~ location comprises:

presenting to the consumer an identification of a plurality of aggregation locations; and

obtaining from the consumer a selection of one of the aggregation locations.

16. (currently amended) The method of Claim 7, further comprising instructing the consumer to receive the items at the ~~aggregation~~ location.

17. (original) The method of Claim 16, further comprising receiving from the consumer, an identification of a time at which the consumer will expect to receive the items.

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18. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The method of Claim 1, further comprising, for each consumer:

~~identifying a receiver;~~

~~identifying a sender;~~

~~presenting to the consumer receiver at least one aggregation-geographic location at which the consumer receiver can receive the items products;~~

~~obtaining from the receiver-consumer a selection of one of the aggregation locations; and~~

~~notifying the sender-merchants of the identity of the aggregation-location selected by the receiver-consumer.~~

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19. (new) The method of Claim 1, wherein the location comprises:

~~a set of temporary bulk storage facilities that provide a selection of appropriate environments to temporarily store products;~~

~~an order aggregation facility where products picked from the temporary bulk storage facilities can be physically aggregated;~~

~~loading and unloading docks for trucks to deliver and pick up shipments;~~

~~a recipient vehicle loading and unloading facility for transferring items to consumers;~~

~~a communications system configured to electronically communicate with merchants and consumers; and~~

~~a computing system configured to coordinate transfers of items from merchants to consumers.~~